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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUMMARY NO. 1

### 1. TERRORISTS KIDNAP US DIPLOMAT IN MEXICO

TERRORISTS HAVE KIDNAPPED TERRANCE G. LEONHARDY, CONSUL GENERAL IN GUADALAJARA, AND DEMANDED THE RELEASE OF 30 PRISONERS AND THEIR SAFE CONDUCT TO HAVANA ON MAY 6, AS THE PRICE OF HIS RETURN. THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT PLANS TO ACCEDE TO THE DEMANDS OF THE TERRORISTS. ( UNCLASSIFIED) TELCONS BETWEEN GUADALAJARA AND THE OPERATIONS CENTER, 5/5.

### 2. ECONOMICS TO BE CENTRAL THEME AT REYKJAVIK

AN ELYSEE SOURCE HAS TOLD EMBASSY PARIS THAT THE REYKJAVIK SUMMIT WILL TURN ON ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, ESPECIALLY THE COMING " CONFRONTATION" BETWEEN THE US AND EUROPE ON TRADE. THE SOURCE SAID PRESIDENT POMPIDOU WILL SEEK SPECIFICS ON IDEAS ADVANCED IN THE KISSINGER SPEECH. THE ELYSEE OFFICIAL VIEWED THE SPEECH AS REPRESENTING A " PAX AMERICANA" AND REFERRED NEGATIVELY TO THE SECURITY- TRADE LINK

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WHICH HE SAW IN THE KISSINGER PROPOSALS. ( CONFIDENTIAL)  
PARIS 12317, 5/4.

3. EC MONETARY COMMITTEE WORKS ON CONVERTIBILITY

OUR MISSION TO THE EC IN BRUSSELS REPORTS THAT THE EC MONETARY COMMITTEE DEVOTED ITS MAY 1 MEETING TO INTERNATIONAL MONETARY REFORMS, PARTICULARLY THE QUESTION OF CONVERTIBILITY. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT SETTLEMENT IN A REFORMED MONETARY SYSTEM SHOULD BE IN PRIMARY ASSETS. OUR MISSION UNDERSTAND TO COOPERATE WITH USG ON THIS PARTICULAR SUBJECT. I EXPRESSED HOPE THAT LPF WOULD FIND WAY TO BE EQUALLY COOPERATIVE WITH USG ON MIA.

2. RLG/ LPF NEGOTIATIONS. IN REPLY TO MY QUERY RE STATUS OF LAO NEGOTIATIONS, PHOUMI GAVE ME RUNDOWN SIMILAR TO WHAT I REPORTED IN VIENTIANE 3334. I THEN SUGGESTED THAT FIRST OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE TO ESTABLISH COALITION GOVERNMENT AS FORESEEN IN FEBRUARY VIENTIANE ACCORD. I SAID WE COULD UNDERSTAND LPF DEMAND FOR PROTECTION OF THEIR MINISTERS ENTERING COALITION GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF EVENTS IN 1959 AND 1963. THERE WAS THUS A RATIONALE FOR LINKING QUESTION OF FORMATION OF COALITION GOVERNMENT TO THAT OF NEUTRALIZATION OF VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG. ( LPF DEMANDS THAT ITS TROOPS BE STATIONED NEAR THE TWO CITIES TO PROTECT LPF MINISTERS AGAINST COUP D' ETAT OR ASSASSINATIONS.) HOWEVER, DELAYING FORMATION OF COALITION GOVERNMENT UNTIL OTHER MILITARY PROBLEMS ARE RESOLVED -- ESPECIALLY DEMARCATION OF ZONES HELD BY TWO LAO PARTIES -- WOULD EFFECTIVELY POSTPONE OVERALL SETTLEMENT FOR LONG TIME TO COME. PHOUMI REITERATED LPF POSITION THAT ALL POLITICAL AND MILITARY PROBLEMS SHOULD BE RESOLVED SIMULTANEOUSLY BUT HE SUGGESTED I MENTION TO SOUVANNA AND PHENG PHONGSAVAN THE IDEA OF LINKING FORMATION OF COALITION GOVERNMENT TO FINDING WAYS OF PROTECTING SAFETY OF LPF MINISTERS AND SOLVING THIS PROBLEM BEFORE TACKLING MILITARY PROBLEMS. I INTEND TO MENTION IDEA TO SOUVANNA TONIGHT WHEN I SEE HIM SOCIALLY.

3. I THEN ASKED PHOUMI POINT- BLANK WHETHER HE THOUGHT ANY PROGRESS COULD BE MADE IN LAO NEGOTIATIONS AS LONG AS THERE IS NO MOVEMENT IN SITUATION IN CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM. PHOUMI FEEBLY REMONSTRATED THAT HE IS READY TO SETTLE LAO PROBLEM WITH RLG ANY TIME BUT HIS REPLY WAS NOT VERY CONVINCING.

4. THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF SOUVANNA IN A LAO SETTLEMENT. PHOUMI THEN INQUIRED WHETHER I HAD HEARD ABOUT OPPOSITION IN ARMY AND IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO SOUVANNA'S EFFORTS TO SETTLE LAO PROBLEM ALONG LINES OF FEBRUARY AGREEMENT. I SAID THAT I HAD HEARD  
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REPORTS OF DISSATISFACTION AMONG SOME ELEMENTS BUT THAT USG WAS COMMITTED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FEBRUARY AGREEMENT INCLUDING WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES. PHOUMI SAID NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IS PREPARING A FEW BANANA PEELS TO THROW UNDER SOUVANNA' S FEET AND HE HOPED SOUVANNA COULD OVERCOME THESE PROBLEMS. HE THEN MADE

A STRONG DEFENSE OF SOUVANNA' S POLICIES AND SAID THAT WITHOUT SOUVANNA THERE WOULD BE NO RECONCILIATION. ACCORDING TO PHOUMI, SOUVANNA IS THE ONLY RLG LEADER IN WHOM LPF HAVE CONFIDENCE, WITH WHOM THEY WOULD ENTER INTO COALITION GOVERNMENT AND WHO IS SINCERE ABOUT BRINGING LAO CONFLICT TO AN END. PHOUMI SAID THAT DISAPPEARANCE OF SOUVANNA FROM THE POLITICAL SCENE WOULD NULLIFY AGREEMENTS REACHED AND WOULD PROBABLY REKINDLE MILITARY STRUGGLE IN LAOS. I REPLIED THAT USG ALSO SUPPORTS SOUVANNA IN HIS PRESENT EFFORTS AND THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAD STRESSED THIS POINT IN HIS ANNUAL FOREIGN POLICY REPORT. WE ALSO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN SOUVANNA' S ABILITY TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES WHICH MIGHT BE PLACED IN HIS PATH BY A FEW ARMY HOTHEADS OR IRRESPONSIBLE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS. CERTAINLY SOUVANNA' S ABILITY TO SURVIVE AS PRIME MINISTER FOR THE LAST ELEVEN YEARS REFLECTS HIS POLITICAL ACUMEN AND HIS DETERMINATION TO BRING TO FRUITION HIS LONG SOUGHT AFTER EFFORTS TO REUNITE LAOS AND END WAR.

5. BOTH PHOUMI AND I AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN CONTACT. UNLIKE OTHER MEMBERS OF LPF DELEGATION IN VIENTIANE, PHOUMI IS ARTICULATE, FORCEFUL LEADER AND ENJOYS SUFFICIENT AUTHORITY WITHIN HIS OWN ORGANIZATION TO MAKE CONVERSATION WITH HIM VERY MUCH WORTHWHILE.  
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